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Press Release

DATE OF EVENT: 02/23/14- 02/26/14

TYPE OF EVENT: PC 212.5(a), PC 460(a), PC 591, PC 236 and VC 10851.

LOCATION: City of Ridgecrest

SUSPECT ARRESTED: Stephen Michael Hodges (DOB: 01/28/80)

On 02/23/14, Officers from the Ridgecrest Police Department were dispatched to a residence in the City of Ridgecrest regarding a home invasion robbery and false imprisonment. As the details of the crime were developing, Stephen Michael Hodges (34 YOA) was identified as the suspect. During the investigation, Hodges was also identified as a suspect in a vehicle theft that occurred between 02/24/14 and 02/25/14.

On 02/26/14, Officers Groves and Cushman of the Ridgecrest Police Department were able to locate the stolen vehicle in the 1400 Blk. of W. Iowa Ave. Ofc. Groves and Ofc. Cushman conducted a canvass of the surrounding area and located Hodges in an abandoned trailer behind a residence in the area. Hodges was taken into custody and booked for the above charges at Central Receiving Facility in Bakersfield, California. Hodges is being held on \$100,000 dollar bond.

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